GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly fifty per cent of the 3900 kms of the National Highways in the State of Karnataka are not being maintained properly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government is allotting Rs.30,000 per km for road maintenance as against the Indian Road Congress (IRC) stipulated norms of Rs.1 lakh per km;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the funds allocated by the Union Government to the State is not sufficient and the State has asked for substantial increase in the allocation of funds; and

(f) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b): Overall availability of funds for the maintenance and repairs of National Highways in the country is below the requirement as per approved Ministry's norms. Efforts are being made to maintain the National Highways in traffic-worthy condition within the available resources.

(c)&(d): During 2006-07, funds to the extent of Rs. 1.39 lakhs per km of National Highways have been allocated for the maintenance and repairs of National Highways in Karnataka as per availability of funds against the requirement of Rs 3.01 lakhs per km.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Funds are allocated to States as per availability of funds.